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MEMORANDUM

FOR: J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

FROM: Leon D. Hubert Jr.

SUBJECT: Checking persons who left or entered the United States at pertinent times.

1. I am writing this memorandum in connection with thoughts exchanged at our meeting today.

2. There must exist a record of persons who left the United States during the period November 22 to the present. It is probable that any conspirator whose flight would not obviously implicate him would either want to leave the US or "go underground." I suggest a check-out of all persons who left the US after November 22, and particularly those who so left and have not returned; and a check of all persons who entered the US for a period starting with the announcement of the President's proposed visit to Dallas until November 24.

3. I realize that this may not be possible at all relative to those who went to Canada; and I realize also that the number of people who fit into those categories mentioned in paragraph 1 hereof may be so numerous as to make the job completely impractical, if not impossible.

4. However, I also think that the work of the Commission would not be complete if it did not address itself to this matter, obtain data from the appropriate agencies as to the mass of material involved (i.e. suppose 100,000 people entered or left the US during the pertinent periods?), and make a policy decision on this aspect of the investigation. Even if the job is not done, the final report must show that it was considered and must show why it was not done.

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cc: Hubert chron file.